

PATENT

Application No. 09/345,092
Attorney Docket No.: 98-119

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Walker et al.

Application No.: 09/345,092

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: VENDING MACHINE SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR
ENCOURAGING THE PURCHASE
OF PROFITABLE ITEMS

Customer No. 22927

) Group Art Unit: 3622 (formerly 2162)

) Examiner: J. Young

) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
) **responsive to the Final Office Action**
) **Mailed January 24, 2001**
) **(Paper No. 11)**) Attorney Docket No. 98-119
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, (Paper No.11), entry of
the following remarks into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully
requested.

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